

REMARKS

Claims 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15-17 have been canceled. Claim 18 is pending in the application.

Because claims have been canceled, Applicant notes that certain grounds for rejection have been obviated. Applicant requests withdrawal of rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or (e) of claims 4, 7, 15, and 16 over Sakamoto; under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claim 9 over Sakamoto in view of Mogi Tsutomu; and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claim 11, 13, and 17 over Sakamoto in view of Mogi Tsutomu in further view of Shima.

Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al., US 7,158,243 in view of Shima, US 2002/0001104.

The Examiner's position is that Sakamoto teaches all the elements of the presently claimed printer except print job data including job identification information. The Examiner argues that it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the printing system of Sakamoto to include the printer for managing plurality of print job data taught by Shima for the benefit of "making it possible to independently manage the respective ones of a plurality of print job data (jobs) thrown in the printer," and that such a modification renders the present claims unpatentable.

Applicant traverses and respectfully submits that Sakamoto in view of Shima does not teach or suggest all the limitations of claim 18.

Sakamoto does not disclose causing the host to determine if a current print data corresponds to the print job ID, and to, when the current data corresponds to the job ID, halt transmission of the print data for the print job, attach the job end command to the current print job data, and transmit the job end command to the printer. Shima fails to remedy the deficiency of Sakamoto in this regard.

Neither Sakamoto nor Shima disclose that the host checks if the print job ID of the data cancellation request corresponds to the current print data which the host generates, and when the print job ID corresponds to the current print data, the host stops transmission of the print data and transmits the job end comment to the printer. Even taken for what they would have meant as a whole to an artisan of ordinary skill, the combined teachings of these two references would not have (and could not have) led the artisan of ordinary skill to the subject matter of independent claim 18.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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